GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
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Shortage of Engineers/Scientists
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) the existing number of scientists and engineers in position, in the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO);
(b) whether there is any shortage of engineers/scientists in ISRO and if so, the details thereof; and
(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in the last two years to meet the shortage of scientists and engineers in ISRO?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PG & PENSIONS AND IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (DR. JITENDRA SINGH):

(a) At present, the authorised level of total scientists/engineers is 7600 and as against this, a total of 7200 scientists/engineers are on the rolls at present. Recruitment actions to fill up the vacancies are in advanced stages of completion.

(b)&(c) Yes Madam. ISRO has been very cautious in sizing its Human Resources to meet the work load arising due to its challenging goals and objectives. The demand for space based services in the country is increasing resulting in increased launch frequency and applications of space technology in emerging areas. To meet these demands, a proposal for suitably augmenting the manpower, mostly in scientist/engineer category, is under process. The proposal has been reviewed and recommended by the Space Commission and the same is being submitted to the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, for their recommendations, before placing the same for the approval of the Union Cabinet.

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